

13. That the ground and the buildings which may be erected thereon, for said house of reformation and instruction shall be free of tax.

14. That no public streets, lanes, alleys, roads, railroads or canals of any kind, shall be opened through the lands or any part of the lands, of the house of reformation and instruction where the same are exclusively used or appropriated for the purposes of its incorporation, except with the consent of the board of managers.

15. That the board of managers shall have power, in their discretion, to take into said house all such colored children as shall be taken up and committed as street beggars or vagrants, or shall be convicted of criminal offences, or as hereinafter provided for, in the case of application of parents or guardians.

16. That they shall have power to place the children committed to their care, during the minority of such children, at such employments, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suited to their years and capacities

17. That the managers of the house of reformation and instruction shall have power to bind out the children committed to their care, with the consent of such children, as apprentices, during their minority, that is to say, males until the age of twenty-one years and the females until the age of eighteen years, to such persons and places, whether in or out of this state, and to learn such proper trades or employments, as in the judgment of the said managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children; and the indentures by which such children shall be bound shall contain the covenants and shall be recorded as prescribed by Article sixth of the code, and all the provisions of the said Article in relation to white apprentices shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

18. That the manner of receiving inmates into the house of reformation and instruction shall be in either of the following modes, namely: First, colored minors may be committed by a justice of the peace for any of the counties or the city of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct such minor has rendered his or her control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite, that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the house of reformation and instruction; second, colored minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the house of reformation and instruction in consequence of vagrancy or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or otherwise, of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor; third, such children as their parents guardians or friends may desire to place therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and whose parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance, and fourth, minors committed by the several courts in this state, as provided in this Article; and the annual sum of five thousand dollars shall be appropriated out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury for the aid and benefit of the house of reformation and instruction for the period of two years.

19. That the treasurer of the state shall upon the warrant of the comptroller, pay to the managers of the house of reformation and instruction, or as they shall order and direct, the sum appropriated in the preceding section in equal quarterly installments of twelve hundred and fifty dollars each. But before the comptroller shall issue his warrant for the first quarterly payment hereby provided for, he shall require the managers of the house of reformation and instruction to furnish satisfac-